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ORGANIZATION



b. OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

(1) MISSION. The General Counsel's mission is the sound and efficient management of the legal affairs of the Agency and such other legal affairs as pertain to the official responsibilities of the Director. The General Counsel shall have access to any information in CIA necessary to perform assigned duties. In compliance with Executive Order 12036 dated 24 January 1978, the General Counsel will (provisions of the Executive order are quoted in italics):

(a) Transmit timely reports to the Intelligence Oversight Board concerning any intelligence activities that come to his attention and that raise questions of legality or propriety.

(b) Promptly report to the Intelligence Oversight Board actions taken concerning the Board's findings on intelligence activities that raise questions of legality or propriety.

(c) Provide to the Intelligence Oversight Board information requested concerning the legality or propriety of intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

(d) Formulate practices and procedures for discovering and reporting to the Intelligence Oversight Board intelligence activities that raise questions of legality or propriety.

(e) Report to the Intelligence Oversight Board any occasion on which he is directed not to report any intelligence activity to the Intelligence Oversight Board which he believed raised questions of legality or propriety.

(2) FUNCTIONS. The General Counsel will:

(a) Serve as the principal legal adviser to the Director.

(b) Be responsible for the conduct of the Agency's legal affairs.

(c) Be responsible for the interpretation of any statute, regulation, or Executive order relevant to the Agency's or the Director's legal authorities.

(d) Be responsible for and conduct all general liaison outside the Agency relating to legal matters, notwithstanding any other Agency regulation delineating liaison responsibilities.

(e) Be responsible for the selection of any private attorneys whose services may be sought in connection with the presentation of the Agency's legal interests.

(f) Be responsible for the adjustment, compromise, settlement, or denial of any administrative tort claim against the United States based upon the act or omission of any Agency employee.

(3) ORGANIZATION. The principle responsibilities of the four functional divisions of the Office of General Counsel are as follows:

(a) The General Law Division is responsible for legislation, Executive orders, regulations, classification, publications, copyright, conflicts of interest, public international law and treaties, and for providing legal advice on Agency-wide management and policy matters and Intelligence Community and related matters.

(b) The Logistics and Procurement Law Division is responsible for legal aspects of all Agency industrial contracts executed in support of both Agency and national programs. In addition, it has responsibility for rendering legal advice regarding such topics as real estate, customs, munitions control, patents, environmental, and related matters.

(c) The Operations and Management Law Division is responsible for legal matters relating to clandestine operations, including administrative plans, cover, proprietaries, private international law, taxation, and defectors; this division also handles security, personnel, and finance questions,

reporting of violations of law, claims, cleared attorneys, personal legal assistance, jury duty, and witness questions, and related activities.

(d) The Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Division is responsible for all legal questions relating to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, including the management of all litigation under these acts and such other litigation involving the Agency relating to protection of classified information and intelligence sources and methods.

See organization chart, figure 2a.

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